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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

December 12, MERCURE, British s.s., 2400 D. D. Amoy, 11th December. General—CAPTAIN. December 13, ALWINE, German s.s., 400, Moos, Parker 9th December, and Hoikow 11th. General—WIELER & CO. December 13, MEFPOO, Chinese steamer, 1.338. W. H. Lunt, Shanghai 9th December, General—C. M. S. N. Co. December 13, THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, Taiyuan 10th December, Amoy 11th, and Swatow 12th General—DOUGLAS LARKE & CO. December 13, SIURA, Italian steamer, 1.416, Lorenzo Caboto, Bombay and Singapore 5th December, General—CARLOWITZ & CO. December 13, TANSON, British steamer, 1.605, Jackson, Calcutta 27th November, Penang 3rd December, and Singapore 6th, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. December 13, DUSSAU, German steamer, 921. C. T. Bertelsen, Samara 3rd December. Sugar—MELCHERS & CO.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE. 13TH DECEMBER. Marie, German s.s., for Hoikow. Alkire, German s.s., for Hoikow. Forwards, German s.s., for Teuron. Beutels, German s.s., for Singapore. Nanshan, British s.s., for Swatow. Formosa, British s.s., for Kobe. Hoikow, British s.s., for Hoikow. Merventheiss, British s.s., for Kobe. Whampoa, British s.s., for Hoikow. Rockwood, British s.s., for Shanghai. Phoenix, Chinese s.s., for Amoy. Picciola, German s.s., for Amoy. Serpentine, British s.s., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

December 13, SOOHOH, British s.s., for Hoikow. December 13, LADY HAREWOOD, British bark, for Hajang. December 13, KUNTSANG, Brit. s.s., for Whampoa. December 13, PARTHA, Brit. s.s., for Vancouver. December 13, DEUTEROS, German steamer, for Singapore. December 13, FOOKHANG, British steamer, for Shanghai. December 13, DON JUAN, Span. s.s., for Manila.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. For Mefoo, s.s., from Shanghai—Mrs. A. Shearer, and 12 Chinese. Forwales, s.s., from East Coast—Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Parker, and Mr. Lee, and 12 Chinese. For Tintagel, s.s., from Ceylon, &c.—Major Davies, Major Davis, and 340 Chinese. DEPARTED. For Partia, s.s., for Amoy—Mr. W. D. Adcock, For Kobe—Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson and Miss, Mr. Albert Wagner. For Yokohama—Miss Duff, Surgeon H. B. Brown, Messrs. A. D. Brown, Domenico Chivato, H. Maxwell, and Mr. Thompson. For St. John, N.B.—Capt. and Mrs. Forsyth. For Victoria, B.C.—18 Chinese.

### REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Mefoo*, from Shanghai, 9th December, reports had strong monsoon with overcast cloudy weather throughout. The British steamer *Tintagel*, from Calcutta, 27th November, Penang 3rd December, and Singapore 6th, reports had fresh wind and head sea to Penang, then to port thick rainy weather.

The German steamer *Dubrov*, from Samarang 3rd December, reports had moderate monsoon and fine weather. In lat. 7.45 N., long. 109.25 E., struck the German bark *Back*, all well on board.

The British steamer *Thales*, from Taiwanfo 10th December, Amoy 11th, and Swatow 12th, reports from Taiwanfo to Amoy had strong wind and heavy sea, weather cloudy and overcast. From Amoy to Swatow fresh breeze and sea, weather cloudy and overcast. From Swatow to port moderate breeze and sea, weather cloudy and hazy. In Amoy stars, Wenches and Canton. In Swatow star, *Kai-jong*.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. 23, State of Maine, Amer. ship, from Fugate Sound. 29, Clyde, British s.s., from Hongkong. 29, Glenaray, British s.s., from London. 29, Kiang-tee, Chinese s.s., from Ningpo. 29, W. C. de Vries, British s.s., from Hankow. 29, Shanghai, British s.s., from Hankow. 30, Sun Yat-sen, British s.s., from Tientsin. 30, Sun Yat-sen, British s.s., from Vancouver. 30, Choy Shan, British s.s., from Hongkong. 30, Yuen Wo, British s.s., from Hoikow. 30, Ching-tung, Chinese s.s., from Ningpo. 30, Teng-hung, British s.s., from Ningpo. 30, Yeh-shan, Chinese s.s., from Tainan. 30, Po-chi, Chinese s.s., from Tientsin. 30, Chefoo, British s.s., from Amoy. 30, Kung-pao, Chinese s.s., from Nanchang. 30, Fung-fang, British s.s., put back. December— 1, Sung King, British s.s., from Tientsin. 1, Ingashan, German s.s., from Chinkiang. 1, Kiang-tee, Chinese s.s., from Ningpo. 1, Fung-fang, Chinese s.s., from Chefoo. 1, Kowshing, British s.s., from Tainan. 1, Foo-ka, British s.s., from Hongkong. 1, Nien-chen, Chinese s.s., from Fuchow. 1, Ching-tung, British s.s., from Chefoo. 1, Teng-hung, British s.s., from Ningpo. 1, New-chang, British s.s., from Siam. 1, El Dorado, British s.s., from Tientsin. 2, Ing, German s.s., from Nagasaki. 2, Chas. S. Whitney, Brit. s.s., from N.Y. 2, Preussen, German s.s., from Hankow. 2, Fouching, British s.s., from Wenchow. December— 27, Tain, British s.s., from Amoy. 29, Taiwo, British s.s., for Hoikow. 29, Kwangtung, British s.s., for Chinkiang. 29, Hang-chow, British s.s., for Swatow. 29, Cass, British s.s., for Chinkiang. 29, Fuh-wei, British s.s., for Tainan. 29, Kiang-tee, Chinese s.s., for Ningpo. 29, Tokonoma, Japan, s.s., for Nagasaki. 29, Nien-chen, Chinese s.s., for Chinkiang. 29, Yen-wei, Chinese s.s., for Hoikow. 29, Teng-hung, British s.s., for Ningpo. 29, Fung-fang, British s.s., for Ningpo. December— 1, Thales, British s.s., for Hoikong. 1, Yamashiro Maru, Japanese s.s., for Japan. 1, W. C. de Vries, British s.s., for Hankow. 1, Shanghai, British s.s., for Hankow. 1, Nien-chen, Chinese s.s., for Tainan. 1, Ching-tung, British s.s., for Amoy. 1, Choy Shan, British s.s., for Wuhu. 1, Kiang-tee, Chinese s.s., for Ningpo. 1, Kowshing, British s.s., for Fuchow. 1, Sun Yat-sen, British s.s., for Chefoo. 1, Yuen Wo, British s.s., for Hoikow. 1, Ching-tung, Chinese s.s., for Ningpo. 1, Choy Shan, British s.s., for Tainan. 1, Teng-hung, British s.s., for Tainan. 1, Ching-tung, British s.s., for Ningpo. 1, Ningpo, German s.s., for Hoikong. 1, New-chang, British s.s., for Nanchang. 3, Ing, German steamer, for Nagasaki.

## INTIMATIONS.

### A LIFE POLICY FOR 2600.

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40	£2 7 6

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### A LARGE & WELL ASSORTED STOCK

#### OF "FASHIONABLE GOODS."

SUITABLE FOR THE AUTUMN & WINTER SEASONS.

SPECIALISTS FOR

BALLS, DINNERS, and EVENING PARTIES. MATERIALS FOR COSTUMES.

PARIS MILLINERY, MANTLES, ULSTERS, REAL SEAL JACKETS and DOLMANS, FURS, and FUR TRIMMINGS, KID, SUÈDE, & SILK GLOVES, SATIN, SHOES, &c.

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### SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO EXPORT ORDERS.

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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### KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Are now showing a Splendid Assortment of New Fancy and Leather Goods suitable for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Photograph Albums, and Photo Screens.

Writing and Trimming Cases.

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Gloves and Handkerchief Sets.

Ornamental Inkstands for the Table and for Travelling.

Ladies' Handbags and Carriage Cases.

Dealers' Cases, Morocco and Russia.

Leather Boxes and Cases.

Large Boxes, and Carriage Cases.

Dealers' Cases and Table Cases.

A variety of Elegant Dressed Dolls.

Crystal Mirrors.

Large Photo Screens.

## INTIMATIONS.

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THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and is again much increased in bulk.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A FURTHER

SUPPLY OF XMAS GOODS, VIZ.—

ROSE PRALINES.

VANILLA PRALINES,

BUTTER SCOTCH,

EVERTON TOFFEE.

MUSCATELS.

FIGS,

JORDAN ALMONDS.

CHOCOLATE.

CHOCOLATE CREMES,

CHOCOLATE MENIER.

FRENCH, ENGLISH, AND AMERICAN SWEETS.

R I M M E L S'S FLORAL,

AND

ROSE WATER, CRACKERS, &amp;c., &amp;c.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED,

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1888.

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Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication, after that hour the supply is limited.

TELEPHONE No. 12.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14TH, 1888.

The transfer of Mr. Satow to Montevideo leaves the office of Minister Resident and Consul-General in Siam vacant. The post is one which is becoming every day of more importance. The extension of the British protectorate over the states of the Malay peninsula has brought us close to the Siamese frontier, and various questions will almost of necessity arise with Siam which will require an able man to conduct them to a satisfactory issue. The relations between France and Siam also want watching, for although the colonizing fever in France has subsided for the time being, it is not long since schemes for the aggrandisement of the French Indo-China possessions at the expense of Siam were in progress. The construction of railways in the country is now under consideration, and should the decision be in favour of the new means of communication a great extension of trade may be expected, which means the growth of foreign interests. For all these reasons it is evidently desirable that a strong and able man should be appointed as British Minister. Whether Mr. CHAMONIX ALABASTER would be disposed to exchange the ease of his Consulate at Canton for the more serious responsibility of the Ministry at Bangkok, and, it may be added, for the worry and annoyances which of late have attended the exercises of the Consular jurisdiction over British subjects in Siam, we are not aware, but we think it would be impossible to find a better man for the post. Mr. ALABASTER is the best of the British Consuls in China, as he is almost the senior, and the long connection of his late brother Mr. HENRY ALABASTER with Siam should make him a personal gratia at Bangkok. He has always done a great deal for every community he has served, and he, if any one, might be expected to re-establish harmony amongst the British community at Bangkok, in matter of no small moment. But it is on account of the growing political importance of the position of Minister Resident in Siam that we would more especially urge Mr. ALABASTER's appointment. At Canton Mr. ALABASTER has comparatively little scope for the exercise of his abilities, but at Bangkok, where events are likely to move rapidly during the next few years, he would be able to render really valuable service to his country. The Canton community would, no doubt, be sorry, on personal grounds to part with Mr. ALABASTER, but they would be glad to see him receive promotion in the service, which in his case has been so well-merited.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[FROM SINGAPORE PAPERS.]

LONDON, 29th November.

LORD SALISBURY AT EDINBURGH.

Lord Salisbury, speaking at Edinburgh,

appealed to Scotch voters not to support Home Rule, and said that if they abstained he was convinced the dissolution of the Separatist party would result.

LONDON, 2nd December.

THE RUSSIAN LEGION.

An Imperial Ukase has given sanction to a four per cent. Russian loan for 125,000,000 rubles gold, for the purpose of conversion of the loan of 1877.

CRICKETSHANK &amp; CO., LIMITED.

The statutory meeting of the above Company was held yesterday afternoon at the Hongkong Hotel.

There were present—Messrs. W. B. McCallum, (Chairman), D. McCulloch, A. Bain, G. Grant, O. A. Osorio, J. Stephens, and A. H. Hoddy, (of the office of Mr. Webster) solicitor to the Company.

The CHIEFMAN said—Gentlemen, this meeting is the statutory meeting of the Company, under the Companys' Ordinance of 1865, and is purely formal. This being so, there is no business before the meeting, but I may take this opportunity of saying that the business has progressed very favourably since the formation of the Company. I thank you for your attendance here to-day.

The meeting then dispersed.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1888.

The regatta of the Victoria Recreation Club was started yesterday, when the first day's programme, with one exception, that of the yachting race, was gone through. The P. & O. lighter *Katia* was utilized for the occasion as a flag-ship, and anchored off Kowloon point formed both the winning post, and the rendezvous where throughout the day visitors met and speculated on the chances of the races. During the afternoon the Band of the 5th Regiment played, under the conductorship of Mr. Moran, on the dagadap, and tiffin and refreshments were provided by Messrs. Dorey and Hing Kee. Dull drizzling rain, and a murky cold atmosphere, were ushered in with the early morning, and when at eight o'clock several small showers of rain fell, it was thought by everybody that the Regatta would be postponed. The authorities, however, decided to let the races proceed, and accordingly at 10 o'clock, in perhaps the dreariest weather imaginable, the events were started. The only race during the course of which the day was at all clear was the Ladies' Purse, wonby Lockhart's crew, and it is to the fact of the sudden calm on the water just before the start's gun fired that they can be said to have won the victory, and in some small manner to the general steering of the boats pulled by sons of their otherwise dangerous opponents. Although there might have been some collision, however, between the Secretary of the Club and the clock of the weather, no one will grudge the Scotchmen their victory, albeit patriotism should assert itself in the breast of every true Englishman to the extent of urging him to pray for a different result in the International to-day. A marked feature of the day's proceedings, and one that tended to liven up the spectators, depressed by the weather, was the enthusiastic manner in which the partisans of the various army and navy crews cheered on their parties and greeted the winners. The result of this was in one instance a palpable win, as we do not imagine that the *Ubiq*, pulled in the second race on the programme by the Royal Artillery, would have been in the finish at all had it not been for the backing up of their supporters at a critical time, which caused them to take heart again and eventually win the race.

The following were the Officers connected with the Regatta—Prae—His Excellency Sir G. William de Vos, K.C.M.G. Vice-Patrons—His Excellency Lieut.-General Cameron, C.B.; Commodore Maxwell, R.N., A.D.C. Stewards—Colonel Anderson, Northumbrian Regiment; Hon. J. Hall-Irving, Colonel Commander; R.A.; Hon. W. M. Deane, Mr. W. H. Forbes; Mr. D. Gillies, Mr. T. Jackson, Hon. B. Layton, Captain May, R.M.; Mr. St. G. Michaelson, Commander Smythies, R.N.; Colonel Storer, R.E.; Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, C.M.; Mr. E. Wood; Committee—Mr. H. J. Tripp (Chairman), M. A. Denison, Major Ellis, Mr. E. Fredericks, Mr. F. Grinbie, Mr. F. Kroh, Mr. J. Sampson, Mr. C. H. Thompson, Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, Hon. Treasurer—Mr. R. T. Wright, Judges of the Rowing Races—Commander Ramsey, R.N. and Mr. R. K. Leigh; Umpires and Starters—Rowing—Starters—Mr. J. Andrew, Umpire—Mr. E. W. Wood; Sailors—Mr. E. Burnside, Judge of the Sailing Races—Lieut. Bell, R.N. Clerk of course—Mr. Sampson.

Everybody was glad to see Major Ellis come home a winner in the German Cup, after a hard fought battle with four other boats' crews, and much sympathy was expressed for his losing in his principal race, the Ladies' Purse, through bad steering, which, speaking generally, was the most erratic at the ropes, and the efforts of the younger who piloted Messrs. Russell's boat to victory.

The *Ubiq*, a boat of the Royal Engineers, was the first to cross the line, but the *Shamrock* kept level for some minutes, but the *Leek* was brought driven off at the time and leaving the *Ubiq* to fight it out with the *Ubiq*. Nearing the line of Henghong Docks the *Leek* started her engine, but the *Ubiq* was hopelessly in the rear, and the *Shamrock* kept level for a win all interest was centred in the *Ubiq* and the *Ubiq*'s boat, which was a most exciting tussle for the mastery. Ultimately both boats came very close to the *Ubiq* but could not catch her, and so landed the event safely, a length and a half to the *Ubiq*, which beat the *Shamrock* 2 feet. The winner was entitled to a large crowd of friends and were pulled bodily aboard their launch after the well won victory.

"GERMAN CUP," presented by the German Community for four-cars; distance, one mile; entrance, 31.

"ROSE"—First.

Station No. 3—White and Blue with St. Andrew's Cross.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 11bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, J. Tigh ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Kornblume"—Second.

Station No. 4—Red and Black Sash.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, J. Tigh ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Shamrock"—Second.

Station No. 5—White and Blue with St. Andrew's Cross.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, J. Tigh ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Ubiq"—Third.

Station No. 6—White and Blue with St. Andrew's Cross.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Kornblume"—Third.

Station No. 7—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Kornblume"—Second.

Station No. 8—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Ubiq"—Third.

Station No. 9—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Ubiq"—Fourth.

Station No. 10—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Ubiq"—Fifth.

Station No. 11—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Ubiq"—Sixth.

Station No. 12—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Ubiq"—Seventh.

Station No. 13—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

"Ubiq"—Eighth.

Station No. 14—White and Green.

Bow, E. Blair ..... 1st. 9lbs.

No. 2. G. H. Potts ..... 1st. 10bs.

No. 3. A. G. Stephen ..... 1st. 10bs.

Stroke, J. H. Stewart-Lockhart ..... 1st. 9bs.

Cox, W. Howard ..... 1st. 2lbs.

6.—That these special privileges granted to the French and German Flags are viewed with jealousy and dislike by other European nations, the allies of Your Majesty, whose vessels equally frequent this Colony with those of the two favoured nations and are also subsidized for the navigation of Malacca. A claim for similar privileges, if preferred by these nations, would be embarrassing.

7.—That these Ordinances have been passed against the wish and, generally, in face of the votes of the unofficial Members of the Straits Settlements Legislative Council; that Your Majesty's Petitioners have always considered them unnecessary and uncalled for by any local circumstances, and that the object of the measure is mainly to deprive the Straits of a safe and practicable measure, but specially reprehensible when—as now—they are prolonged indefinitely and the principle of Colonial nationality, which Your Majesty's Petitioners conceive to be involved, seems to be abandoned.

8.—Your Majesty's Petitioners are aware that this exceptional state was accorded to the said of the Straits Settlements by the Convention of Paris of 1856, and that the German Company could not well be denied a like position. Had Your Petitioners availed themselves to represent that it is at least open to grave doubt whether the Paris Convention can apply, or was ever intended to apply to Your Majesty's distant Colonial Possessions, where, from the nature of things, there can be no reciprocity and the local conditions are so different and political differ from those of Europe.

9.—In the Memorandum of Objects and Reasons attached to the Ordinance which first introduced this measure, (Ordinance III. of 1881), it is stated that inconvenience had arisen relating to the arrest of criminals on board the French steamers at Hongkong, and, as far as Your Majesty's Petitioners are aware, this is the sole objection to extending the same to the German Company to Colombo Waters. If this be so, Your Petitioners humbly and respectfully submit, that questions relating to the custody and transport through British Colonial Ports of criminals and persons under arrest on board foreign steamers, and the application to such of Writs of Habeas Corpus would be more properly dealt with under existing or by special legislation, than by an amendment to the present system, which unduly favours the foreign marine and may at any time give rise to international difficulties more serious than those if it is disregarded to avert.

And Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray, That Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct the repeal of Ordinance VII. and XIV. of 1887, passed by the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements on 11th August and 8th December, respectively, copies of which are annexed hereto, and Your Petitioners will ever pray.

On behalf of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce.

J. FINLAYSON,  
Chairman.

Singapore, 17th November, 1888.

On behalf of the Penang Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

JOHN C. BUDDE,  
Chairman.

Penang, 23rd November, 1888.

#### LAFF TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from the Bangkok Gazette:

THE BURMESE RUBY MINES.—LONDON, 2nd November. The Government have invited tenders for working the Burmese Ruby Mines. Six tenders have been received, the highest being twelve lacs annually, the decision will be given on Tuesday.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY.—CAIRO, 23rd November. General Dowler is of opinion that it will be necessary to increase the Egyptian army to sixteen thousand men, thus enabling the Egyptian Government to combat the rebel strongholds of Suakin and to subdue the advance on Dongola and then tranquillize the Sudan.

ANNUAL STATE OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN FRANCE.—PARIS, 24th November. The animosity which exists between the different political parties in France and especially between Bonapartists and Republicans is becoming serious. Charges of peculation and robbery against certain members of the Chamber of Deputies were being published, and the Bonapartists and Conservatives were M. Fiquet of moderate and a vote of 374.

THE EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION TO THIBET.—SR. EPHRAIM, 26th November. Notwithstanding the death of Colonel Prayson at Yerma, the Russian exploring expedition to Thibet will proceed on its journey.

THE BELIEF OF EMIN PACHA.—BEIRUT, 27th November. The expedition under Wissmann for the relief of Emin Pacha leaves Berlin immediately and proceeds to the interior of Africa.

ILLNESS OF THE EMPEROR.—BERLIN, 27th November. Emperor William is suffering from a bad cold, which keeps him in doors.

THE AFRICAN AFFAIR.—CALCUTTA, 28th November. Information has arrived that the Chinese Amban left Lhasa for Gratong on the fifteenth. Preparations for wintering our troops in Sikkim are almost complete.

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AN Important Discovery is announced in the Paris *Figaro*, "of a valuable remedy for severe disease, physical exhaustion, and premature decay." The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and an early grave. We learn that the Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send a prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a small address stamped envelope."

—A humble Parisian celebrity—Bosco, by name—has proved his way to wealth by a simple device. He was a humbly born man used to clearing the roofs of and repairing for the habitation of the Maison d'Or and the Cafe Riché. "Bosco de Bosco," and gambler or sporting dandies and damsels were sometimes in the habit of touching his bump before embarking in any operation of a hazardous nature, were it a game of hazard or a bet on a horse. An old story is told of the time when once celebrated horse, on command of the Master of the Horse, would not go to a mount-changer's for two little tickets in a drawing which was to take place on the morrow. On recalling the tickets the actress rebuked them on Bosco's talismanic bump, and next day she found that she had won £2,000. Bosco, of course, received a gratuity, and was saving drink for a week.

Whilst some workmen were engaged in excavating near the ancient monastery of the Tihany at Lake Balaton, they accidentally discovered a number of skeletons, and parts of the catacombs, which had probably been the abode of the monks in the early days of Christianity in Russia. So far, however, no graves have been discovered as in other catacombs that have been brought to light, but only a number of shoes, belts, and clay vessels. An even more interesting discovery has been made in the same reservoir near the town of Balassoff by M. Chalimoff, who, after the discovery of this gentleman recently one of the numerous tumuli or burial mounds that abound in that part of the country, and brought to light the remains of two knights and a third skeleton, supposed to have been a servant of the square. The skeletons of these two knights when found were dressed in complete armour, and alongside them lay the remains of their saddles and harness. In the breast of one an arrow head was embedded. One of the skeletons was 6 ft. 6 in. in length, the other a trifle shorter. The left hand of one of the skeletons gripped a sword, while the right rested on a long straight sword. By the side of the other knight was also found a sword and a lance, and he had been buried as if embracing his charger. The accoutrements of the horses are of bronze.

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#### COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY, 13th December.

EXPORT CARGOES.—For steamer *Yokohama*, sailing on the 23rd Nov., 1000 bags rice, 428 bags sugar, 500 bags and 500 packages merchandise. For San Francisco, 13,820 bags rice, 8,400 packages merchandise. For Paris beyond San Francisco, 12,910 bags rice, 12,520 packages merchandise, and 23 cases silk. For Overland Points—18 packages matting, 5 packages merchandise, 4 cases silk, and 86 bags raw silk.

For steamer *Yokohama*, sailing on the 26th Dec., 1000 bags rice, 5,363 bags sugar, and 1,360 packages merchandise. For Ports beyond San Francisco, 14,106 bags rice, 8,320 packages merchandise, and 23 packages silk. For Overland Points—102 bags raw silk, 7 cases silk, and 3 packages matting.

EXCHANGE.—

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Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/0.  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/0.  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/1.  
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